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STEAM TO SHANGHAI

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
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 will leave for the above
place about 33 hours after her arrival with
the next English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.


P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, May 11, 1887. 893

**STEAM TO NAGASAKI KOBE AND
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(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

Taking Cargo on through B.L. to
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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
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 will leave for the above
places on SATURDAY.

Daylight.

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F. & D. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, May 11, 1887.

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THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo, for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer
"Patton,"
Captain Rowland, does
Saturdays, with part Cargo,
from JAPAN, will be despatched as above at
Daylight on SUNDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Managers.

Hongkong, May 11, 1887.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Taitung, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being at their risk taken into the HONGKONG & KOWLOON TRADING and GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instat will be subject to rent.
No Free Lianance has been effected.
Bill of Lading to be consigned by
J. ALEXANDER & CO., MANAGERS.

General Manager.
Hongkong, May 6, 1887. 87

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, PEN-
ANG AND SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship *Alida*, Captain
Yours, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at West Point
Goodwood, and Cargo impeding her dis-
charge will be at once landed and stored
at Consignee's risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
SEAKOH, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-day, the 7th Instant.
All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 14th Instant, or they will not be re-
cognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, May 7, 1887. 87

GREEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

**FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG,
SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.**

THE S.S. *Greenland* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed
that their Goods, with the exception of
Opium, are being landed at their risk into the
Viceconsul's Warehouse of the Undersigned, whence and/or
from the Wharves or Roads delivery may
be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
16th Instant will be subject to re-shipment.

Bill of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 Agents
 Hongkong, May 9, 1897. 584

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Gargos
 are requested to send in their Bills of
 Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
 signature, and to take immediate delivery.
 This Gargo has been landed and stored at
 their risk and expense.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 E. Lebourgeois and Matheson.

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 August, 1897, from London; con-
 signed to Order.

S. de CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.

Hongkong, 1 April 14 1897. 584

TO LET

ROOMS in COLLEGE CHAMBERS
No. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD

Apply to
DAVID BARSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, March 23, 1907.

The N. G. D. News publishes the following version of the Mayor's telegram circulated here on the 6th instant:—

London, 5th May.—The long and animated debate on the Criminal Bill continues. A motion has been brought forward in the House of Commons declaring an article in *The Times*, which charged Dillon with falsehood when he denied his connection with Sheridan, the Fenian—a breach of privilege. Mr. Kellon (K) moved to refer the question to a Select Committee.

The above is certainly much more intelligible than the one sent out here, which reads as follows:—

London, 5th May, 1887.—A motion having been made declaring that the article in the *Times* charging Mr. John Dillon with falsehood when he denied his connection with Sheridan, Mr. Kellon declared it to be a breach of privilege and Mr. Kellon (K) moved to refer the question to a Select Committee.

We have to record with deep regret the death of Captain Thomas T. Benning of the *Kinkiang*, who died this morning at the Victoria Hotel. He had not been in his usual health for some time back, but it is only about three weeks ago that he was forced to leave off work. Death is said to have been caused by Bright's disease. Captain Benning, who was an American and was nearly 52 years old, came to Hongkong about a quarter of a century ago; and in 1865 he joined the Hongkong and Macao Steamship Company, and since that time has been in command of one or other of the steamers of the Company. Perhaps no man had a better knowledge of the windings and turns of the Canton river than the deceased gathered during his long navigation of that river. When the *Honan* came out he took command of that vessel, till she was put on the Macao route, when he went back to the *Kinkiang*. Captain Benning's burly figure was known to nearly every resident, and his courteous and genial spirit made him a favourite with all he knew. No one could have been more popular than he was with the passengers. He did everything he could for their comfort, and in a cheerful manner that made his efforts doubly appreciated. About a year ago Captain Benning, feeling somewhat ill, went home for the benefit of his health, and on return he seemed to have regained strength, but his health had not the robustness of yore. Captain Benning was unmarried. His brother, Captain A. H. Benning, is in command of the *Honan*, and his mother is still alive. She came to the Colony a few months ago on a visit to her sons, and tended the deceased in his last illness.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

CHINESE DEPUTATION TO THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

Yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Acting Governor (Major-General Cameron) was waited upon by a Deputation of Chinese gentlemen who desired to acquaint His Excellency with the views of the native community on the provisions of the new Public Health Bill. The Deputation, headed by Dr. Ho Kai, and consisting of the Hon. Wong Sing, Messrs Wai Ahk, Ho An, Lee Sing, Leong On, Lo Chee Tin, Woo Lin Yuen, Chow Ping, Lo Wai Chuen, Yip Oi San, Cheung Si Kai, and two others, was received in the Council Chamber. His Excellency being attended by the Acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. Dr. Stewart) and the Acting Registrar General (Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lochhart). Dr. Ho Kai, in introducing the Deputation, said there had not been sufficient time for them to organise a thoroughly representative deputation of the Chinese, but he hoped His Excellency would extend to them the same favour, as they hoped he would extend on some future date to a larger and more representative one. The members of the present deputation desired to speak with His Excellency in a conversational way on the various provisions of the Ordinance; and as he, Dr. Ho Kai, wished them to speak for themselves he would not do more than touch upon a few of the leading principles of the bill, leaving the details to others. In the first place, the Chinese desired longer time to consider the bill than was likely to be afforded. They had read in the newspapers that His Excellency had said he wished to push the bill on, and bring on the second reading a month hence. They considered that a month was hardly long enough to have a public discussion, and he would therefore ask His Excellency to postpone the second reading of the bill to a later date. In the second place, they would like the Ordinance to be translated into Chinese and published in the *Gazette*, so that every Chinaman would be in a position to discuss the provisions of the bill. Dr. Ho Kai mentioned that Mr. Stewart Lochhart had consented to make a translation, and His Excellency then asked Mr. Lochhart when he would be ready. Mr. Lochhart said he could have a translation ready in a week or ten days. In the third place, Dr. Ho Kai touched upon the principal debatable points in the Ordinance itself; those he considered of vital interest. First, he spoke of the great interference with vested interests contemplated by the provisions of the Bill, and the great sacrifice of space and money which would be necessary if the present provisions of the bill were put in force. Dr. Ho Kai, in this connection, referred to the clauses which deal with the provision for ten-foot backyards, brick privies and kitchens, and he pointed out that the sacrifice entailed by the enforcement of such provisions would amount to from ten

to twenty million dollars. That, he thought, was a sufficiently serious matter for the Government to consider. Then he spoke of the extreme hardship which would be inflicted on the poorer classes by the want of accommodation, and the proportionate increase of rent. There was absolutely no provision at present for the sacrifice of so much space for backyards and other purposes, and the legislation against overcrowding would render a large number of people houseless, for there was no chance of any of the improvements being completed or the new houses constructed for years to come. Then he spoke of the interference with the domestic and social habits of the entire population by the provisions for privies and kitchens. These were to be for common use, away from the house, and would necessarily lead to men and women mingling together, a very serious objection in the eyes of the Chinese. Dr. Ho Kai next complained that the bill had made no provision whatever for compensating any persons who might suffer. According to the Chinese view, the sacrifices which they were to be called upon to make were for the benefit of the public, and Dr. Ho Kai asked His Excellency whether it was fair or not that the individual should be called upon to pay for what should be borne by the taxpayer. He next touched on the constitution of the Sanitary Board. As at present constituted, there was only one Chinese member on the Board, and in the new Ordinance there was not even provision for him. They might have none, and as the Board was a municipal and not a legislative body, he thought all ratepayers were clearly entitled to send a representative, and that the Chinese should have at least two or three members on the Board. In conclusion Dr. Ho Kai said he would not occupy His Excellency's attention longer, as he believed the other members desired to say something. He hoped, however, to have another opportunity of addressing His Excellency at greater length.

His Excellency, who throughout treated the Deputation with perfect frankness—almost brusque frankness—replied to Dr. Ho Kai's remarks *seriatim* as they were addressed, asking Dr. Ho Kai to remember what the points were as he went along. In reply to the request for further time to consider the Ordinance, His Excellency said it was always the practice of the British Government to give the widest publicity to their intended legislation before it was actually passed into law, and he thought that greater publicity was given here than almost anywhere else; and he gave a distinct promise that if a month was not long enough for the discussion of this ordinance, he would grant longer time. The question as to the translation had been already settled. With regard to the sacrifice of vested interests, he said that in all countries a certain amount of sacrifice of vested interests had at times to be made, *pro bono publico*, and generally they were gladly made. He himself was a house-owner in England, and he had had to comply with certain regulations which might have interfered with the value of his property; and as Hongkong was progressing, as he hoped, to be a civilized place, he should expect the same readiness to make a sacrifice on the part of the inhabitants of Hongkong. It was all very well, when a country or place is first opened up, to do things in a rough and ready way, but as it matured and progressed it had to do as other civilized places had done. This Colony contained a mixed population, and they must regard every class alike, especially in a case like this, for if there was an epidemic in the Chinese quarter it would rapidly spread to the European quarter. Therefore they had to legislate for both classes alike to prevent such a calamity. With regard to overcrowding and the hardship which might result from the enforcement of the proposed law, His Excellency said the law was going to be divided into small sections for the purpose of carrying out the provisions against overcrowding, that the Government would clear out the sections one by one, and that no section would be compelled to discharge its surplus population until provision had been made elsewhere to receive it. He further explained that the reason why they had not proceeded with the opening-up of new sites, extension of Praya, and so on, was because it was useless to do these things if there was no law to compel the population to diffuse itself over the city. What was the use, he asked, of extending the Praya, of reclaiming ground at Causeway Bay and elsewhere, if there was no law to compel the population to distribute itself. Besides, if they had this law passed, the continuation of the Praya from East to West and all the other improvements would be absolutely necessary, and they would be able to get the Government at home to consent to the Praya scheme. Speaking of the amount of cubic space fixed as the limit for each person, His Excellency said 300 feet was to be allowed for each adult. At home, the sleeping places in the dormitories simply was measured, but here he believed, under this Ordinance, it was intended to include the whole of the clear space in the interior of the house, whether its dormitory or not, including the passages &c. He was assured that this would be so.

Dr. Ho Kai, as a member of the Sanitary Board, expressed his dissent. He said that at any rate was not the intention of the Board; the Government

might have changed the intention. If they had, it was most amenable. In the course of his remarks on this point, His Excellency incidentally mentioned that the health of the troops was better here than anywhere else, as the men enjoyed a much larger amount of sleeping space, viz., 1000 cubic feet per head. As for interference with the domestic and social habits of the Chinese, His Excellency said he had never heard of that before, and he would require time to consider it. On the question of compensation, His Excellency said he wished to be very cautious, and he could make no distinct promise on the matter. If the Government thought compensation was necessary in any case, he had no doubt it would be tendered, but at present the Government were not in a position to say anything on the subject. The constitution of the Sanitary Board would be considered hereafter.

The Hon. Wong Sing then briefly called His Excellency's attention to the large number of domestic houses in the streets running between China Street and Bonham Street which were less than 30 feet in depth and from 14 to 16 in width; and asked if they would all have to be sacrificed, as Mr. Prien had said, and converted into small stores.

His Excellency said that would be taken into consideration when the Ordinance was in working order.

Mr. Wei Ayuk spoke of the scarcity of water and of the steps taken by the Sanitary Board to close all the wells.

Dr. Ho Kai, as a member of the Sanitary Board, informed Mr. Wei Ayuk that this matter had been studied, they hoped, to the satisfaction of all parties.

The interview then terminated, the forcible and straightforward answers of His Excellency having apparently convinced the Deputation that there was no need for them to say anything further on the subject.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT OF THE JUBILEE?

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Thursday, May 12.

I ask this question, Mr. Editor, in fear and trembling. I would not for anything in the world rouse up the host of Jubilee-homemongers to trumpet forth again their grand projects. People have been so grateful for the good news of the last few weeks, that this Jubilee has to be got over some way or other, and the day fixed is approaching.

The last addition to the muddle was, I think, the sending round of a paper headed "Fleetsmen." About three weeks ago, and the community are now actually beginning to wonder what has been the result of this manoeuvre, or has it increased or solved the dilemma; or has the request to put in black and white the amount of subscription to be given present all but exhausted the jubilee fund by filling up the document?

It is, I am sure, the fervent wish of every one that this Jubilee business were settled and done with. All our energies are now required for the study of the Ordinance, and the spectre of the jubilee is a most unwelcome one. I am sure that the community are now actually beginning to wonder what has been the result of this manoeuvre, or has it increased or solved the dilemma; or has the request to put in black and white the amount of subscription to be given present all but exhausted the jubilee fund by filling up the document?

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President, Mr. Hutchings, 11st. 4lbs. 1
Majority, Mr. Nichols, 11st. 1lb. 2
President and Majority read account of the Stand round to the 1st mile post, where President took the lead, and he came down the straight, hard hold, with Larry riding sideways and sailing benignly on his opponent, winning quite contentedly, by barely a length. Time, 3 min. 26 sec.

101.—The Big Swave Cur—Value, 110.—Presented—For all Grifflins that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race—Weight for inches as per scale—Ponies placed second in any race—Extra—Winners of the fourth day excluded—Weight, 10st. 10lbs. To go to the second Pony—One Mile and a quarter.

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